

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1527 - SB 1481

March 2, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Gives an employee who has a disease or condition, covered by the Energy Employees Occupational Injury Compensation Program Act, the right to recover benefits based on disability from an occupational disease or death under workers' compensation laws. Prohibits employers from using notice, causation, or statute of limitations in defense of claims. Sets limits on claims under certain circumstances. Excludes the employee or the employee's dependents or beneficiaries from receiving benefits from the Second Injury Fund. Exempts claims by state and local government employees from the provisions of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- No impact on the state's Risk Management Fund since state employee claims are exempt from this bill.
- According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there will be no impact on the Department's duties or administration of the workers' compensation program.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, there will be no impact on the duties or operations of the Department.
- No impact on local government since local government employee claims are exempt from this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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